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Lawmakers overwhelmingly vote to debate Confederate flag

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COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) — South Carolina lawmakers voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to consider removing the Confederate flag from their Statehouse grounds and other politicians took aim at Civil War-era symbols across the South, saying change is imperative after police said nine black churchgoers were slain in a hate crime. Prodded by Gov. Nikki Haley's call the day before to move the flag to a museum, lawmakers approved a measure enabling a flag debate by a vote of 103-10 in the House and a voice vote in the Senate.

The House vote brought a standing ovation and rounds of applause after Democratic and Republican leaders jointly sponsored the measure in a show of uncharacteristic unity. Very few lawmakers rose to say the flag should stay; some said they were saving speeches for what promises to be an emotional debate later this summer.

Lawmakers then prayed for state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, who joined the legislature in 1997 and who, as pastor of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal church in Charleston, was among the dead.

"I ask that in the memory of Mr. Pinckney that we are generous in spirit, gracious in our conversation and please — even if we disagree, let's agree to disagree agreeably," Demo-

cratic Gilda Cobb-Hunter urged her colleagues. "Those nine families have shown us how to do it. I would strongly suggest we take a cue from them." Dylann Storm Roof, who

cially divisive today. "Last week's terrorizing act of violence shook the very core of every South Carolinian," South Carolina House Speaker Jay Lucas said in support of the mea-

person Davis from their state Capitol's rotunda.

Big businesses also took action: Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Amazon.com Inc., eBay Inc., Target Corp. and Sears Holding Corp. an-

reconsider. The Charleston Republican said he loves his ancestors, but isn't proud of a heritage that included holding people in bondage, and wants to send a strong message to anyone contemplating a hate crime.

"I can respond with love, unity and kindness," Thurmond said, "and maybe show others that the motivations for a future attack of hate will not be tolerated, will not result in a race war, will not divide us, but rather strengthen our resolve to come together." Outside in the sweltering heat, hundreds chanted "bring it down, bring it down."

There were a handful of dissenting voices in the crowd that gathered next to the Confederate monument where the flag flies atop a 30-foot (9.14-meter) pole in front of the Statehouse, in full view of the U.S. and state flags flying at half-staff.

"This flag is heritage. If you take it down you won't get rid of racism. The flag didn't pull the trigger. The flag didn't kill anybody. That was an individual that did that," said Mark Garman, 56, who like Roof is from Eastover. The Confederate battle flag was placed atop the Statehouse dome in 1961 for the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, and lawmakers decided in 1962 to keep it there in response to the civil rights movement. After mass protests, a smaller, square version was moved to the flagpole out front in 2000. □



Confederate battle flags fly outside the museum at the Confederate Memorial Park in Mountain Creek, Ala. South Carolina lawmakers voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to consider removing the Confederate battle flag from their Statehouse grounds. (AP Photo/Dave Martin)

faces murder and gun charges in the church attack, had posed in photos displaying Confederate flags and burning or desecrating U.S. flags, and told a friend that he was planning to do something "for the white race."

Haley's call to put the Confederate flag in a museum was quickly seconded by leading Republicans including U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, giving others a political opening to announce their moves. Many cited the church slayings as they abandoned the long-held position that even debating the status of the flag would be too ra-

sure. And once South Carolina took action, other states moved quickly.

Mississippi House Speaker Philip Gunn called for removing the Confederate emblem from the state flag. Both Democrats and Republicans in Tennessee said a bust of Confederate general and Ku Klux Klan leader Nathan Bedford Forrest must go from the Senate. Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe wants vanity license plates depicting the Confederate flag replaced. McConnell joined Kentucky's Republican nominee for governor, Matt Bevin, in calling for the removal of a statue of Confederate President Jef-

nounced they would no longer sell merchandise featuring the Confederate flag. And the Valley Forge Flag Co., which has sent flags into battle and to the moon, said it won't make them anymore.

The first South Carolina senator to take the floor and call for moving the flag to a museum was the son of the state's most powerful politician of the last century, U.S. senator and segregationist standard-bearer Strom Thurmond, whose statue stands on the side of the Statehouse opposite the Confederate flag, striding confidently southward.

State Sen. Paul Thurmond said the church attack compels flag supporters to

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's long-pursued trade agenda took a giant step toward becoming law on Tuesday, and opponents grudgingly conceded they now must fight on less-favorable terrain.

A key Senate vote greatly brightened Obama's hopes for a 12-nation Pacific rim trade agreement, a keystone of his effort to expand U.S. influence in Asia. The trade pact would be a high point in a foreign policy that has otherwise been consumed by crisis management, and would give Obama a rare legislative achievement in the Republican-controlled Congress.

The Senate voted 60-37 to advance his bid for "fast track" negotiating authority. That was the minimum number of votes needed on the procedural question. But final passage, expected no later than Wednesday, needs only a simple majority, which would let Obama sign fast track into law.

The president also wants to continue a retraining program for workers displaced by international trade. House and Senate support appears adequate, but even if that measure stumbles, the long-coveted fast track bill will be on Obama's desk.

"This is a very important day for our country," said Mitch McConnell, a top Republican Congressman. The big majority of Democrats, especially in the House, the lower chamber of Congress, oppose free-trade agreements, as do the labor unions that play important roles in Democratic primaries. They say free-trade agreements ship U.S. jobs overseas.

Obama, major corporate groups, Republican leaders and others say U.S. products must reach more global markets. They say anti-trade forces have exaggerated the harm done by past free-trade agreements.

Previous presidents have enjoyed fast track authority. It lets them propose trade pacts that Congress can reject or ratify, but not change or block.

Obama wants to complete negotiations for the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP. Members include Japan, Mexico and Canada. □

Clinton says Confederate flag has no place in US

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Associated Press**

FLORISSANT, Missouri (AP)

— Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday the Confederate battle flag should not be displayed "anywhere," weighing in as South Carolina lawmakers seek to remove it from the grounds of their statehouse.

The leading 2016 Democratic presidential candidate called the deadly shootings of nine black church members in Charleston, South Carolina — allegedly by a white man who has been seen in pictures holding the controversial flag — "an act of racist terrorism perpetrated in a house of God."

Clinton called the Confederate flag a "symbol of our nation's racist past that has no place in our present or

our future. It shouldn't fly there.

It shouldn't fly anywhere." Clinton joined with church members in the St. Louis suburbs, near the violent protests touched off last year in nearby Ferguson after the death of Michael Brown, an unarmed young black man who was shot by a white police officer. Clinton said she appreciated the work of South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, a Republican, and state lawmakers who are working to remove the Confederate flag from the statehouse grounds. She also commended Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the Arkansas-based company on whose board she once served, for announcing it would remove any product from its stores that features the Confederate flag.



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks during a campaign stop at Christ the King United Church of Christ, Tuesday, June 23, 2015, in Florissant, Mo.

(AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

She encouraged other companies to follow that example while noting that Amazon, eBay and Sears have done so.

Former secretary of state Clinton has put America's struggle with race relations at the forefront of her presidential campaign in recent

weeks and urged church members here to find ways to turn their grief, anger and despair into purpose and action. □

DNA find narrows intense manhunt for escapees

JOHN KEKIS

Associated Press

BELLMONT, New York (AP) —

Hundreds of armed searchers combed through heavy woods in far northern New York state Tuesday after new DNA evidence narrowed the hunt for two convicted murderers who escaped from a maximum-security prison more than two weeks ago. A hunting camp that apparently was broken into days ago led to "good evidence, DNA data" regarding David Sweat and Richard Matt, according to Gov. Andrew Cuomo. Roadblocks were in place around remote areas of rugged terrain about 20 miles (30 kilometers) west of Clinton County Correctional Facility.

Challenges for both the escaped prisoners and their pursuers included thick, mosquito-infested forests and sometimes heavy rain in a remote area popular with hunters and campers but with spotty mobile phone coverage.

Searchers were checking logging roads and railroad beds and going door-to-door, said Franklin County Sheriff Kevin Mulverhill. He said people were checking seasonal properties, which can be abandoned for months, for signs of intruders.

Authorities hoped that an 18-day search might finally be close to the end.

Meanwhile, the husband of the woman accused of helping the inmates escape said in an interview aired Tuesday on NBC that he's "absolutely 100 percent" certain the pair would have killed him and his wife if his wife had been their getaway driver, as initially planned.

Lyle Mitchell said his wife, Joyce Mitchell, told him Sweat and Matt offered to give her pills to knock him out so she could pick them up after they escaped, but she refused because she said she still loved her husband.

"Do I still love her? Yes. Am I mad? Yes," Lyle Mitchell said.

Joyce Mitchell remained



Corrections officers rush to an area of a possible sighting of two escaped prisoners from Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, in Mountain View, N.Y.

(AP Photo/Mike Groll)

in custody on charges she helped the two men escape by providing them hacksaw blades, chisels and other tools. She has pleaded not guilty.

Sweat and Matt escaped from the prison in Dannemora on June 6. Authorities say they cut through the steel wall at the back of their cell, crawled down a catwalk, broke through a brick wall, cut their way into and out of a steam pipe, and then sliced through the chain and lock on a manhole cover outside the prison. Sweat, 35, was serving a life sentence without parole for killing a sheriff's deputy. Matt, 48, was doing 25 years to life for the 1997 kidnapping, torture and hacksaw dismemberment of his former boss.

A weekend encounter swung the search to its current location. Terry Bellinger, owner of nearby Bell's Mountain View Inn, said a hunter told him he saw a man run into the woods as he approached a cabin Saturday. Inside, the hunter noticed a jug of water and an open jar of peanut butter on a table. □

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Juror Todd Easter testifies in court during a hearing in a case involving two former Vanderbilt football players in Nashville, Tenn. (Shelley Mays/The Tennessean via AP)

Mistrial granted in Vanderbilt rape case

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Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A judge has granted a mistrial in the case of two former Vanderbilt football players convicted in the dorm-room rape of a student, saying "bias has been clearly shown."

Criminal Court Judge Monte Watkins on Tuesday ruled in favor of defense attorneys who said a juror intentionally withheld information that he was a rape victim during the jury selection process.

Defense attorneys said the juror, 31-year-old Todd Easter, intentionally withheld information that he was a rape victim during the jury selection.

Easter testified at a hearing last week that he didn't withhold information because he doesn't consider himself a victim.

In his ruling, Watkins said "actual bias has been clearly shown."

"Our system of justice cannot tolerate a trial with a tainted juror regardless of the strength of the evidence against the defendant," Watkins said.

"The court finds that the proof and arguments presented at the hearing provides enough evidence that granting a new trial is necessary and appropriate in order to promote a fair determination of the defendants' guilt or innocence."

A Sumner County man was convicted of raping Easter when he was 16. However, Easter testified that his relationship with the man was consensual and that his parents were the ones who pressed charges.

The Associated Press generally does not identify victims of alleged sexual crimes, but Easter, who was the jury foreman, agreed to have his name included in news stories.

Defense attorneys de-

scribed Easter as "deceitful and manipulative," and that he had an agenda.

They said that during the jury selection process Easter had a chance to discuss the rape case he was involved in but when asked whether he had been sexually assaulted, defense attorneys said Easter's response was, "no one super close to me."

They also noted comments Easter made to the media after the players were convicted, that part of his motivation for wanting to be foreman was so he could look the defendants in their eyes as the verdict was read.

Easter testified that wasn't his motivation, but that he was simply trying to "give them the respect of a human being."

Easter acknowledged that he had a sometimes abusive relationship with the man who was convicted of raping him. □

Utah man denied knowing dead babies were in garage

BRADY McCOMBS
Associated Press

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Investigators had a hard time believing a man didn't know his wife killed six of their babies and stored them in their garage, but they didn't have any evidence to pursue charges and eventually concluded he may have been so high on drugs he didn't realize what was happening, according to public records obtained by The Associated Press.

Under intense questioning from detectives after the April 2014 discovery in Utah, Darren West repeatedly denied knowing of his wife's shocking actions, according to transcripts of police interviews obtained through a public records request.

West acknowledged that he knew of a couple of Megan Huntsman's pregnancies from 1996 to 2006, but said she told him she had miscarriages. West said he had no idea what his wife did with the fetuses or bodies.

That was, in part, caused by the fact that he spent most of the decade high nearly every day on cocaine, methamphetamines or marijuana before being sent to federal prison on meth charges, he said.

"I knew she was pregnant, but I was so messed up on freaking drugs I don't know what was going on," West said.

West did not immediately return a phone message but his attorney, Michael Esplin, said Monday that others around Huntsman who were sober also couldn't tell Huntsman was expecting a baby. Esplin said West was deeply confused and saddened by what Huntsman did, and had no involvement.

Huntsman pleaded guilty to six counts of murder and is serving up to life in prison. She said she was too addicted to meth to take care of the babies. A seventh baby's body was found, but investigators later determined it was stillborn. She said during one birth, West was watching TV with his brother and sister-in-law when Huntsman told them she was going to take a bath and go to bed. Instead she gave birth, suffocating the baby. Huntsman acknowledged wondering herself how her husband didn't realize she was pregnant so many times from 1996 to 2006. But she told police that she hid the pregnancies from everyone, including her three young daughters, including one born in between the newborns she killed.

During a long interview with police Detective Dan Beckstrom, Huntsman reflected for a moment how her husband could have slept in the same bed with her every night and not known she was pregnant and why she didn't tell him. "I think my mind was just so out of it you know," she said. "All I was focused on was the next fix." □

Badly rotted beams identified in deadly balcony collapse

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Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — A balcony that snapped off an apartment building and led to the deaths of six college students was supported by wooden beams that had been badly rotted by exposure to moisture, building inspectors in Berkeley, California, said Tuesday.

However, in a summary of the city's investigation, officials stopped short of blaming the rotten beams for the accident last week. Planning director Eric Angstadt said Berkeley inspectors were not responsible for determining why the

concrete and wood structure collapsed and that no further analysis was planned by the city to pinpoint the cause.

"We are not making any sort of formal causal determination," Angstadt said. "We don't know and we aren't going to know or determine how moisture got into the assembly."

Instead, the manager of Berkley's Building and Safety Division recommended mandatory inspections of existing multi-story residential buildings, and code changes for new construction to prevent moisture damage to balconies, decks and stairs.



A worker measures near the remaining wood from an apartment building balcony that collapsed in Berkeley, Calif. The balcony broke loose from the building during a 21st birthday party last week, killing 6 people and seriously injuring others. (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu, File)

Reports: Autopsy finds 'high energy injury' in Gray death

BALTIMORE (AP) — An autopsy report obtained by The Baltimore Sun says a medical examiner has found Freddie Gray suffered a "high-energy injury" while riding in a Baltimore police van and the failure of officers to follow procedures makes the death a homicide.

Police arrested Gray April 12 and he died a week later, prompting protests and rioting. A grand jury indicted six officers on various charges; one offi-

cer faces the most serious charge of second-degree "depraved-heart" murder. They have pleaded not guilty. The Sun reported Tuesday that the autopsy found the injury, similar to those suffered in shallow-water diving, was most likely caused when the van suddenly decelerated. It says Gray's death couldn't be ruled an accident and is instead a homicide because officers didn't follow safety procedures "through acts of omission."

"These are the requirements the building official believes would best minimize the chance of this happening again," Angstadt said.

The recommendations will be presented next month

to the Berkeley City Council for consideration. The changes would also need approval by a state commission that oversees construction standards.

The inspectors noted that joists that extended from

the building to support the balcony were extensively rotted at the place where the structure broke off, flinging 13 young adults attending a 21st birthday party five stories down to the street.

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Big retailers feel pressure on Confederate flag merchandise

TOM MURPHY
AP Business Writer

Even as national retailers pull Confederate flags from shelves and websites after the shooting deaths of nine black church members in South Carolina, manufacturers that produce the divisive symbol say that sales are now surging.

"I don't sell the Confederate flag for any specific group, I just sell the flag," said Kerry McCoy, owner and president of Arkansas' FlagandBanner.com. "This is America. Everybody has a right to be represented whether you are a history buff or a nut."

McCoy said her company expects to sell about 50 of the flags over the next

week. That's about half of what they typically sell in a year.

Amazon, Sears, eBay and Etsy said Tuesday that they would remove Confederate flag merchandise from their websites. Sears does not sell the merchandise inside Sears or Kmart stores. A wave of merchandise bans came a day after Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said that it would remove all Confederate-themed items from its store shelves and website after the South Carolina shooting suspect, Dylann Storm Roof, appeared in photos holding the flag.

Other national retailers say they do not sell, or never have sold, Confederate items.



Wal-Mart President & CEO Doug McMillon is interviewed by Maria Bartiromo during her "Mornings with Maria Bartiromo" program on the Fox Business Network, in New York, Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Wal-Mart says it's removing items featuring the Confederate flag from shelves and its website.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest, asked about the retailers pulling flags from stores, said those are "decisions for individual businesses to make." He added that the businesses' decisions were consistent with the president's position.

"We welcome those decisions but obviously those are decisions that should be made by individual businesses."

The red-white-and-blue Confederate battle flag

represents racism to many, and southern heritage to others. The debate over its place exploded after the church shootings. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday that the flag should be removed from the Statehouse grounds. While the Confederate flag represents a small slice of their business, those that produce them say they have no plans to stop.

Pete Van de Putte said sales of Confederate flags are surging at his Dixie Flag

Manufacturing in San Antonio, Texas. He said he has sold more flags in the last couple days than they would have typically sold over a couple of months.

"Any time there is a controversy about any flag, we sell more flags," he said. "It's not like selling tires or washing machines."

"When people come in here, they're buying their national pride, their ethnic origin ... so people are naturally passionate about the product." □

Durable goods orders retreat again in May

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for long-lasting manufactured goods fell in May, pulled down by a sharp drop in demand for aircraft. But a category that reflects business investment rose last month, a hopeful sign for manufacturing. The Commerce Department said

Tuesday that total orders for durable goods dropped 1.8 percent in May after falling 1.5 percent in April. Last month's drop was caused in part by a 35.3 percent plunge in orders for aircraft, which is often a volatile category. Excluding transportation, orders rose 0.5 percent. Durable goods are items meant to last at least three years,

such as cars, home appliances and furniture.

American factories have struggled this year in part because a strong dollar has made U.S. goods more expensive overseas. Cheaper oil prices also mean energy firms are buying less equipment. So far this year, durable goods orders are down 2.2 percent from January-May 2014. □

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Greece defends 'harsh' reforms it promised creditors



Members of the Communist-affiliated PAME labor union shouts slogans during an anti-austerity protest in Athens on Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Greece's government defended Tuesday the billions worth of "harsh" new budget savings it has offered in talks with creditors, as some of the governing party's own lawmakers spoke out against them.

(AP Photo/Daniel Ochoa de Olza)

ELENA BECATOROS

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's government on Tuesday defended the billions worth of "harsh" new budget savings it has offered in talks with creditors, as some of the governing party's own lawmakers spoke out against them. Greece has proposed

measures worth 8 billion euros (\$9 billion), including increases to company and consumer taxes, to persuade the country's bailout creditors to release new loans it needs to avoid defaulting on its debts next week.

A decision is expected this week: eurozone finance ministers are to meet

Wednesday evening, followed by a European Union summit Thursday and Friday.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras will also travel to Brussels Wednesday, for midday talks with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, European Central Bank chief Mario Draghi and Interna-

tional Monetary Fund head Christine Lagarde, his office said.

Greece needs a decision before June 30, when its current bailout expires and it also faces a 1.6 billion-euro (\$1.8 billion) loan repayment to the International Monetary Fund.

The government is also under pressure from other left wing parties and trade unions, who say its proposals will place further burdens on austerity-weary Greeks. Late Tuesday, 7,000 members of a Communist Party-affiliated trade union and 3,000 pensioners held a peaceful protest march through Athens, demanding that the government withdraws its proposals and restore pensions to pre-crisis levels. Tsipras' radical left

Syriza party won in January on a promise to repeal the harsh budget cuts and tax increases that previous governments had imposed since 2010 in return for bailout loans.

Tsipras says such measures have been focusing too closely on healing public finances while worsening the economic plight of Greeks. But with creditors withholding 7.2 billion euros (\$8 billion) worth of rescue loans and Greece's state coffers running dry, Tsipras has been forced to backtrack on many pledges. A debt default by Greece could result in much greater economic pain for the country — a potential run on the banks and even an exit from the 19-nation euro currency union. □

Diplomats seek to calm Ukraine fighting

PARIS (AP) — The foreign ministers of Russia, Ukraine, France and Germany are meeting in Paris to discuss efforts to try to end the conflict in eastern Ukraine. Tuesday's meeting is part of a new round of diplomatic efforts amid a spike in fighting in eastern Ukraine between pro-Russian separatists and Ukrainian troops. Ukraine and Western powers say Russia backs the rebels, which Moscow denies.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, heading into the Paris talks,

cautioned against further military escalation in the region and said a ceasefire agreed under a February peace deal is being routinely violated. The now shaky February deal was negotiated by Germany and France.

European countries have pushed for a diplomatic settlement while some U.S. legislators want to increase military aid to Ukraine. The conflict has killed more than 6,400 people since last year. Steinmeier also called for a withdrawal of heavy weapons and free

access for observers from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

OSCE negotiators met Tuesday in Minsk, Belarus with representatives of Russia and Ukraine about implementing the February agreement, but reported no progress. "We cannot talk about any concrete results today, but the work continues," said Heidi Tagliavini, the OSCE representative in the so-called Contact Group, which also includes representatives of Russia and Ukraine. □

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Kurds keep up offensive against extremists in northern Syria

HAMZA HENDAWI
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Backed by U.S.-led airstrikes and buoyed by battlefield successes, Kurdish fighters kept up an offensive through northern Syria on Tuesday, driving Islamic State militants out of a town near the extremists' de facto capital of Raqqa.

The capture of Ein Issa came just hours after the Kurdish forces had overrun a nearby military base, increasing the pressure on the Islamic State group less than two weeks after it lost the strategically located town of Tal Abyad on the Turkish border, severing a vital supply line.

The advances by the Kurdish fighters in Syria as well as in northern Iraq has been credited largely to a high level of coordination between the ground forces and the nearly year-old air campaign being led by Washington against the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL in English and by its Arabic acronym, Daesh. White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest called

Kurdish fighters of the YPG, sit on their pickup in the town of Ein Eissa, north of Raqqa city, Syria, Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Kurdish fighters and their allies have captured an Islamic State group military base in northern Syria under the cover of U.S.-led airstrikes bringing them closer than ever to the extremists de facto capital of Raqqa, activists said Tuesday.

(The Kurdish fighters of the People's Protection Units via AP)

the success by the Kurds "an indication of how critically important it is for the United States to have a capable, willing and effective partner fighting ISIL on the ground." That was why the U.S. was dedicating "significant resources" to building up opposition forces, he said. That work was "a more difficult task" in Syria than Iraq, but that "this is

a pretty good illustration of why that very difficult work is important," Earnest added. Ein Issa is only 50 kilometers (30 miles) north of Raqqa, the stronghold of the Islamic State's self-declared caliphate that spans parts of Syria and Iraq. The recent battlefield setbacks for IS were mentioned in an audio message by the group's spokesman, Abu

Muhammad al-Adnani, for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

"God never gave the mujahedeen a promise of victory every time," al-Adnani said in the message posted on social media, adding that the faithful "may lose a battle or battles and may lose towns and areas, but will never be defeated." He urged Sunni Muslims to use the time of piety and dawn-to-dusk fasting as an occasion to wage jihad and seek martyrdom.

"Attack them everywhere and shake the ground beneath them," he said in the morale-boosting message, his voice rising. "If you lose territory, you will win it back and more in the future, God willing."

It was not immediately possible to verify the recording, but it resembled previous audio statements from the group. The capture of Ein Issa does not necessarily mean that the immediate next move by the Kurdish forces and their allies will be to march on Raqqa, but it appears to have unsettled some of the city's IS-linked residents.

The wives and children of IS fighters were leaving Raqqa in droves Tuesday in anticipation of a possible attack, while the militants have redeployed to positions to better defend the city, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The group gets its information from a network of activists across Syria.

Its director, Rami Abdurrahman, told The Associated Press that a band of about 20 IS fighters who had hidden in Ein Issa when the Kurdish troops stormed it have re-emerged, and battles were raging in the city. Other groups of IS fighters were also engaging the Kurds on the outskirts. He had no casualty figures and there was no immediate confirmation of continuing fighting.

The first step toward capturing Ein Issa came Monday night when its "Brigade 93" — a Syrian army military base that had been captured by the IS — was taken over by the Kurdish forces, according to the observatory and Kurdish activist Mustafa Bali. □

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AVET DEMOURIAN
Associated Press

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP) — Street protests in the Armenian capital against a hike in electricity prices grew on Tuesday evening, with an estimated 7,000 people joining a second attempt to march toward the presidential residence even after riot police had used water cannons to forcefully disperse demonstrators. The number of riot police also increased, and helmeted officers holding

shields stood shoulder-to-shoulder to block the protesters from moving farther down the central avenue in Yerevan. The protesters stood behind large trash containers that they had placed across the road as a barricade. By late Tuesday, there was some progress toward ending the standoff, with the protesters agreeing to send several representatives to meet with President Serge Sarkisian. This was a reversal from Monday, when

they had refused the government's offer to appoint representatives to present their demands to the president. At midnight, however, the street remained full of protesters, most of them young. It was unclear when the talks would take place. Yerevan's deputy police chief, Valery Osipyan, told the crowd that all of the nearly 240 protesters detained early Tuesday had been released, one of the demonstrators' demands. □



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Chinese retail spreads in Uganda amid local jealousy



A Chinese shoe-seller, who declined to give his name, watches as a customer inspects his wares, at a shoe shop in Kampala, Uganda. Over the past 10 years, Chinese industrial giants have invested billions across Africa, and there has been an accompanying explosion of retailers opening small shops from Senegal in the west to Algeria in the north, Zimbabwe in the south and Uganda in the east. (AP Photo/Stephen Wandera)

R. MUHUMUZA
Associated Press

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)

— The last time men posing as immigration officials showed up at Wei Kun's shoe store in the Ugandan capital of Kampala, the Chinese trader forked out \$1,000 in bribes to prevent his business from being shuttered.

"I have many, many problems. It's very difficult to make money here," Kun said as he waited for customers inside his shoe store. Yet Kun's perseverance in the face of such obstacles, including the rising hostility toward local merchants, is a measure of how profitable it is for Chinese merchants to run small businesses in Uganda — and the rest of Africa. Over the past 10 years, Chinese industrial giants have invested billions across Africa, and there has been an accompanying explosion of petty retailers opening small shops from Senegal in the west to Algeria in the north, Zimbabwe in the

south and Uganda in the east.

China's direct investment in sub-Saharan Africa jumped from practically nothing in 2002 to \$18.2 billion in 2012. According to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in Africa, there are about a million Chinese living in Africa, mostly engaged in commercial work.

Inexpensive Chinese goods have long been popular in Africa, and in the last decade Chinese merchants have started eliminating the middle man and setting up retail outlets of their own — much to local merchants' chagrin.

"The price undercutting will chase us out of the market," said Issa Sekitto, spokesman for the Kampala City Traders Association, which counts 400,000 formal members.

"Because the Chinese are importing directly from home, they can also afford to bring in junk," he said, accusing them of importing inferior goods — which

the Chinese deny.

Local officials estimate there are thousands of these so-called briefcase investors in Uganda — a pejorative term playing off the government's desire to bring in major international money.

The Chinese merchants' inexpensive products — such as \$1 plastic, slip-on shoes — are finding a ready market in a city where most put affordability first.

Trader Leo Jian says he and his fellow merchants sell what the market wants. "China has the best shoes but it also has the fake ones. But Uganda needs cheap, cheap things, and cheap things can also be seen as fake."

The traders are increasingly everywhere, in supermarkets, furniture shops, photo studios, and massage parlors, but mostly in run-down shopping centers in which Ugandans and Chinese operate side by side. They are also starting to bring in their own people for the manual labor that used to

employ Ugandans, Sekitto said.

Ugandan trader Arafat Jalai buys much of the stock for his suitcase shop from the Chinese — even as he competes with a Chinese-owned store across from his own.

"They should not be here trading. They should have factories. Otherwise they should be sent back home," he said.

Many other local merchants would like to see them deported or restricted to just large business ventures. In Zimbabwe, there was even a law in 2013 to reserve retail outlets for locals but it hasn't stopped the spread of Chinese merchants there either.

In 2011, riots broke out in

Kampala that largely targeted the city's foreign merchants — echoing the 1972 expulsion of the country's Indian middle class by dictator Idi Amin.

Frank Ssebowa of the Uganda Investment Authority maintains that there is room for both Chinese and Ugandan merchants. He dismisses complaints by some locals.

"If they didn't have what clients want, would the Chinese be in that business?" he said. "The Ugandans who are grumbling are lazy types. They don't want competition ... bitterness and envy will always be there."

Most of the Chinese merchants, like Kun and his shoe store, keep a low profile. □

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Official says Mexican forces capture cartel leader's son

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The son and alleged second-in-command of the leader of Mexico's most violent drug cartel was captured in the western state of Jalisco, National Security Commissioner Monte Alejandro Rubido said Tuesday.

The suspect, Ruben Oseguera Gonzalez, 25, was born in California and holds dual U.S.-Mexican citizenship, Rubido said. Oseguera bears the nick-

name "el Menchito," the diminutive of his father's nickname. His father, Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, is the alleged leader of the Jalisco New Generation cartel and is nicknamed "Mencho," a phonetic derivation of his first name.

Rubido said the younger Oseguera served as second in command of the cartel and was captured with an assault rifle that was inscribed "CJNG" — the

cartel's initials in Spanish — followed by a number "2." The rifle had "Menchito" inscribed on the other side, Rubido said.

Soldiers and federal police captured Oseguera in the Guadalajara suburb of Zapopan. Rubido said he was accompanied by his brother-in-law, who was also arrested, but they had no bodyguards.

Rubido said Oseguera had recently undergone a nose

operation, and a photo of the suspect showed his nose stuffed with what appeared to be cotton wadding. It was unclear whether the suspect was trying to change his physical appearance.

It is at least the second time that the younger Oseguera has been captured. Federal forces arrested him in January 2014, and he was held for almost a year on weapons, drug and mon-

ey-laundering charges. A court ordered him released in January 2015, but it was not clear why.

The Jalisco cartel is blamed for some of the bloodiest and boldest attacks on federal forces in years. The gang was implicated in an ambush that killed 15 state police officers in April and in a May 1 attack in which a rocket launcher shot down an army helicopter, killing 10. □

Jailed Venezuelan opposition leader ends hunger strike

FABIOLA SANCHEZ

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP) — Jailed Venezuelan politician Leopoldo Lopez has ended a 30-day hunger strike after authorities set a date for legislative elections, a key demand of opponents of President Nicolas Maduro's socialist administration.

"We're ending the strike, but our struggle continues," Lopez wrote in a letter written from jail and read Tuesday by his wife, Lilian Tintori, to journalists in Caracas.

Lopez stopped eating in May, demanding that the government free opponents jailed during last year's anti-government demonstrations and set a date for the elections that the opposition is heavily favored to win. The protest quickly reinvigorated Venezuela's sometimes out-of-touch opposition, drawing the support of dozens of students who began fast-



Lilian Tintori, wife of jailed opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez, holds up a letter written by her husband during a press conference in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, June 23, 2015. The jailed politician wrote that he has ended a 30-day hunger strike after authorities set a date for legislative elections.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

ing in solidarity with Lopez, who is on trial for inciting violence during last year's protests.

The National Electoral Council on Monday said the congressional elections will be held Dec. 6, ending

months of speculation by opponents and international observers that the vote would be canceled. The South American country's laws mandate that the balloting for National Assembly seats be held

this year, but elections officials had delayed setting a date.

The Obama administration, which has been quietly engaging the Maduro administration in high-level talks, welcomed the decision to

set an election date.

"This is a positive step for the Venezuelan people and their democratic institutions," State Department spokesman John Kirby said Tuesday in Washington.

The ruling socialist party currently holds a majority in the legislature, but polls indicate that if the election were held today, the opposition coalition would win in a landslide. The 29-party coalition is benefiting from widespread discontent with Maduro, driven by mounting shortages, rampant crime and inflation estimated to be in the triple digits.

Opposition parties have not captured a legislative majority since the late Hugo Chavez, who was Maduro's predecessor and mentor, won the presidency more than 16 years ago. They have lost every recent national election, and currently hold about a third of the seats in the legislature. □

4 Colombian soldiers die when helicopter lands in minefield

JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Four Colombian soldiers were killed this week when their helicopter landed in a minefield, the latest attack attributed to leftist rebels as both sides in the country's long-running conflict harden their positions amid languishing peace talks.

The Black Hawk chopper carrying the soldiers flew to the volatile Catatumbo

region to escort workers repairing an oil pipeline damaged by a recent bombing by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. Six more soldiers were injured, the army said in a statement, without providing more details.

The incident, which the military characterized as an "assassination" in violation of international law, was the deadliest in a string of attacks by the FARC since

the rebel movement in May lifted a six-month-old cease fire to facilitate the peace talks taking place in Cuba. The decision to resume fighting came in retaliation for a military air attack on a guerrilla camp that killed 26 rebels, including a former FARC envoy to the peace talks.

In a clear demonstration of the FARC's still substantial firepower, rebels in recent days have carried out a

string of attacks on police stations, oil tankers and valuable energy infrastructure, including the bombing of a transmission line that left more than 400,000 people in the port city of Buenaventura without power for days.

While nobody is expecting the peace talks to be broken off anytime soon, hope for an accord is fading amid the slow progress at the negotiating table and

looming legislative elections in October that could give strength to hardliners opposed to the talks.

Colombians' support for the peace process has fallen to around 50 percent, its lowest level since the talks began more than two years ago, according to a Gallup survey in April taken before the latest wave of violence provoked further public anger at the guerrillas. □



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Jordan Spieth holds up the trophy after winning the U.S. Open golf tournament at Chambers Bay on Sunday, June 21, 2015 in University Place, Wash.

Associated Press

Spieth might be best thing to happen to Chambers Bay

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash.

(AP) — The course that was built for a U.S. Open needs a makeover.

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For all the complaints — a tradition nearly as old as the U.S. Open — the lasting image is the guy holding the trophy.

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NBA global talent hot in draft

In this Feb. 4, 2015, file photo, Indiana Pacers' Damjan Rudez puts up shot during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Detroit Pistons in Indianapolis.

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MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) —

When Pacers forward Damjan Rudez returned to the Basketball Without Borders camp earlier this month, there were some noticeable changes.

The long, gangly European kids he competed with and against in 2003 had been replaced by bigger, stronger, more polished teenagers.

Perhaps it's just a natural progression for the program designed to turn international prospects such as Rudez into NBA contributors and then bring back those graduates as teachers to work with the next generation of international stars. Or perhaps, the players are maturing much quicker — much like American players seem to be.

Either way, one thing is clear: BWB is helping to turn Europe into a fertile training ground for NBA hopefuls.

An indication of the program's success could come during Thursday night's draft.

A record 101 foreign-born players began this season on NBA rosters, and three more — Emmanuel Mudiay, who was born in Africa and played last year in



In this May 18, 2014, file photo, Barcelona's Mario Hezonja shoots during the Euroleague Final Four third place basketball match between Barcelona and CSKA of Moscow in Milan, Italy. Associated Press

China, Kristaps Porzingis of Latvia and Mario Hezonja of Croatia — are potential top 10 picks.

"Honestly, the camp hasn't changed a lot. The principles are the same," said Rudez, who just completed his first NBA season with the

Pacers. "The NBA has done a terrific job of organizing the whole thing — great gear, great conditions for working. But it seems like these days, the kids are growing like crazy. They're huge. I don't remember us being that tall or that pow-

erful or that big when we were here."

The initial goals of BWB were simple — find the best players in the world, teach them skills that would make them productive pro players and continue to expand the talent pool. Since the inaugural 2001 camp in Treviso, Italy, more than 2,300 players from more than 120 countries have participated and the success stories have steadily increased.

Thirty-three grads have been drafted including Andrea Bargnani, the No. 1 overall pick in 2006, and Joel Embiid, the No. 3 overall pick last year. Two more players, Rudez and Boston's Luigi Datome, have made rosters as undrafted free agents.

The Europeans "are pretty good," Charlotte center and former Indiana University star Cody Zeller said after working his second international camp in two years. "I can see where there's a couple that have that (NBA) potential, and even the ones that don't make the NBA, I think, will have productive careers overseas."

This global trend isn't subsiding.

The last two No. 1 overall draft picks, Andrew Wiggins and Anthony Bennett, grew up in Canada. The NBA's European contingent includes Luol Deng, Marc and Pau Gasol, Dirk Nowitzki, Tony Parker and Ricky Rubio. Manu Ginobili, Nene and Anderson Varejao all honed their basketball skills in South America, while Andrew Bogut and

Kyrie Irving were born in Australia.

Their once-subtle impact on the NBA is also growing. "There's a lot of pride in Europe in teaching the fundamentals," Pacers assistant coach Dan Burke said after working the camp. "From what I've seen, we don't get as much opportunity to see the 17-year-olds (in the U.S.), but what we see coming in is a lack of fundamentals. There are a lot of different reasons for it. Some people say AAU just rolls the ball out and they play."

They get by on athleticism and God-given talent. But the ones who really work, you do notice that, and the NBA game is getting to a point where you can't just run over guys.

"I think the states are getting back to teaching fundamentals, but I don't see those building blocks like you do here."

In fact, the European style has even given American coaches new tools.

At a recent high school coaching clinic, Kentucky's John Calipari demonstrated how he used the Euro step with his own team last season. He explained it improved his players' efficiency ratings because they could either get to the basket cleanly, allowing them to play at a faster pace, or draw fouls, which allowed them to score with the clock stopped.

And now it's time for the 20-something contingent of players like Wiggins and Rudez to reach out to the next wave of European prospects. □



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Wozniacki, Bouchard win on grass in Eastbourne 2nd round



Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki in action against Australia's Jarmila Gajdosova during day four of the women's International tennis at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, England, Tuesday June 23, 2015. EASTBOURNE, England (AP)

— Second-seeded Caroline Wozniacki made a winning start to her grass-court season with a 7-6 (4), 6-2 victory over qualifier Jarmila Gajdosova in the second round of the Aegon International on Tuesday.

Wozniacki fell behind to an early break before rallying to reach the tiebreaker, where Gajdosova paid for a series of errors. Wozniacki broke her opponent's serve three times on the way to sealing victory in the second set.

"It felt great to be out here,

I love this tournament, this amazing crowd and I know Jarmila is a really tough opponent," Wozniacki said. Earlier, Eugenie Bouchard earned her first win of the grass-court season when the 2014 Wimbledon runner-up beat Alison Riske of the U.S. 7-6 (5), 6-3.

The result was desperately sought by Bouchard, who came into the event having lost nine of her last 10 matches, including opening defeats in the last two weeks on grass at s-Hertogenbosch and Birmingham. Her one win in her last eight events was in

Rome in May. Her ranking dropped out of the top 10 this month. She improved to 4-1 against Riske.

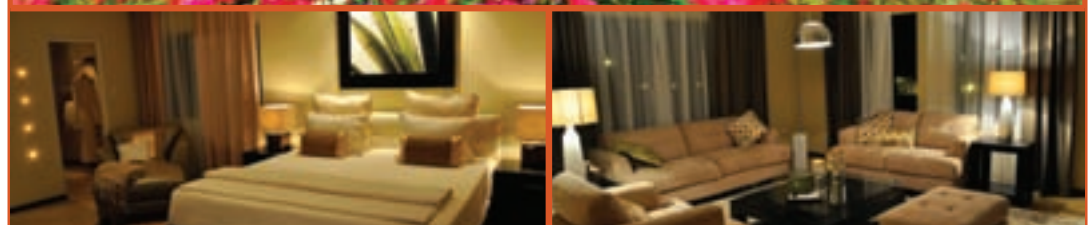
"It is good to finally get one (a win on grass)," Bouchard said. "I was a little bit more aggressive and I was trying

to enjoy the moment."

In other matches, Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia upset third-seeded Lucie Safarova 7-6 (7) 6-4, Coco Vandeweghe of the United States beat Monica Niculescu 7-5, 2-6, 6-1 and

Sara Errani of Italy came through against Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, 6-2, 6-7 (1), 7-6 (7).

British wild card entrant Johanna Konta upset fourth-seeded Ekaterina Makarova 6-2, 6-4. □

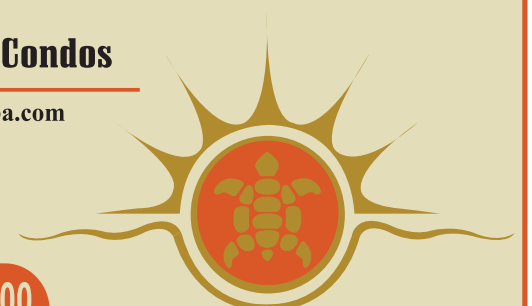


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Top seeded Ferrer ousted by Baghdatis in Nottingham opener

NOTTINGHAM, England (AP)

— Top-seeded David Ferrer lost to Marcos Baghdatis 6-2, 7-6 (4) in the second round of the Aegon Classic at Nottingham on Tuesday. Ferrer, the world No. 7, lost his first two service games to Baghdatis, who earned his first win over a top-10 player

in more than two years.

"For me, the first set was difficult because it was the first set back on grass," Ferrer said after his first appearance in Nottingham in 11 years. "He (Baghdatis) played more hours on court, and had more confidence in his game." □



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Bryant homers twice as Cubs beat Kershaw, Dodgers 4-2

CHICAGO (AP) — Kris Bryant connected twice for his first career multihomer game, helping the Chicago Cubs beat Clayton Kershaw and the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-2 on Monday night.

Bryant hit a two-run drive in the third inning and a solo shot in the eighth. Matt Szczur had a solo homer against Kershaw after being promoted from Triple-A Iowa before the game for his fourth stint of the season with Chicago.

The two homers off Kershaw (5-5) ran his total for the year to 11, two more than he allowed all of last season while becoming the NL MVP.

The Cubs got terrific work from five relievers after Tsuyoshi Wada departed in the third due to cramping in his left shoulder. Center fielder Dexter Fowler was replaced in the fifth after he sprained his left ankle.

Travis Wood (4-3) pitched 3 1/3 innings for the win. Jason Motte allowed Joc Pederson's 19th homer in the ninth before finishing for his second save on his 33rd birthday.

ROYALS 4, MARINERS 1

SEATTLE (AP) — Joe Blanton pitched six-plus innings of two-hit ball and Alcides Escobar had three hits as the Kansas City Royals beat the Seattle Mariners.

Blanton (2-0) struck out seven and worked into the seventh inning before being lifted after allowing a leadoff double.

Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis and Greg Holland all pitched one inning of relief. Holland earned his 14th save in 15 opportunities.

Felix Hernandez (10-4) took the loss after allowing four runs, nine hits and a walk in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out five.



Chicago Cubs Kris Bryant launches a home run off Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Adam Liberatore, Bryant's second of the game, during the eighth inning of a baseball game Monday, June 22, 2015, in Chicago.

Escobar had three singles, drove in a run and scored a run. Mike Moustakas had two hits including an RBI double.

ANGELS 4, ASTROS 3

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Albert Pujols homered twice and Erick Aybar scored the go-ahead run on a safety squeeze by Daniel Robertson in the eighth inning, leading Los Angeles to a victory over Houston.

The Angels (36-35) moved within 4 1/2 games of first-place Houston in the AL West. Texas is three games behind the Astros, who have dropped three of four after winning five straight.

Aybar began the winning rally with a leadoff single against Chad Qualls (1-4) and advanced on a wild pitch. One out later, Joe

Thatcher walked pinch-hitter Matt Joyce while Aybar stole third.

In came Will Harris, and Robertson bunted up the first base line. Chris Carter charged the ball and made an errant, backhand flip past catcher Jason Castro as Aybar crossed the plate.

BLUE JAYS 8, RAYS 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Jose Bautista hit his 15th homer during a four-run sixth inning as Toronto beat Tampa Bay.

Jose Reyes and Dioner Navarro also homered for the Blue Jays, who are 2-6 against Tampa Bay this season.

Bautista's leadoff shot against Matt Andriese (2-2) broke a 3-all tie. Reliever Ronald Belisario gave up the other three runs in the

inning that included an RBI double by Chris Colabello. Drew Hutchison (7-1) allowed three runs and nine hits over five taxing innings. He struck out six, walked two and hit a batter during a 109-pitch outing.

Down 8-5, the Rays loaded the bases with one out in the eighth. Roberto Osuna struck out Steven Souza Jr. and Nick Franklin and pitched the ninth for his first save.

PHILLIES 11, YANKEES 8

NEW YORK (AP) — Maikel Franco homered twice, had career highs of four hits and five RBIs and made a fabulous diving play at third base, helping Philadelphia end a 12-game road skid with a victory over New York.

Cesar Hernandez doubled and had two RBIs and

Ryan Howard had a two-run single for Philadelphia in a second straight offensive outburst against a top starter for the lowest scoring team in the major leagues. They chased Michael Pineda in the fourth inning this time and beat Michael Wacha and St. Louis 9-2 Sunday.

Ben Revere and Freddy Galvis each had three hits and everyone in the Phillies' starting lineup had at least one hit except for the struggling Chase Utley, who has lost playing time to Hernandez at second base. Philadelphia, losers of 23 of 30, had season highs for runs and hits (18). Winners of 11 of 13 at Yankee Stadium coming in, New York was roughed up for 10 or more runs in consecutive home games for the second time this year.

TIGERS 8, INDIANS 5

CLEVELAND (AP) — Yoenis Cespedes drove in three runs, Miguel Cabrera reached base four times and Detroit continued to push Cleveland around.

Cespedes hit an RBI double off Trevor Bauer (6-4) in the first inning,

homered in the third and added a sacrifice fly in Detroit's four-run fourth as the Tigers improved to 8-2 against the Indians this season and 34-14 since the start of 2013.

Detroit has won 15 of the last 18 against Cleveland. Cabrera walked twice, once with the bases loaded, singled twice and remained a mystery to Cleveland pitchers. He's batting .649 (24 of 37) with five homers and 16 RBIs against the Indians this year.

Victor Martinez followed the fourth-inning walk to Cabrera with a two-run single to make it 6-3. □

SPIETH

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It helps when the winner is a 21-year-old with polished manners and a tenacious short game who made "Grand Slam" a summer topic for only the third time in the last 50 years. Throw in some heartache and it's an ending that won't be forgotten. The real mystery is how Johnson's 5-iron into the 18th green didn't come off that slope instead of leaving a 12-foot eagle putt that was like putting down a luge track. That's ice, not broccoli.

Golf courses don't always define great players. Sometimes it's the other way around.

Valhalla, for example, cannot be considered on the A-list of championship courses. But it gave us Tiger Woods winning in a playoff for his third straight major, and Rory McIlroy holding off Phil Mickelson, Rickie Fowler and Henrik Stenson in the dark.

The greens at Chambers Bay were terrible. Everyone could see that. A few players — Billy Horschel comes to mind — couldn't wait to say it.

But they weren't that much worse than Pebble Beach in 2010 ("These greens are just awful," Woods said that year). They were only slightly more dead than those at Shinnecock Hills in 2004. Go back and watch that 12-foot putt Woods made at Torrey Pines to get into a playoff and try to count the bounces.

This is the U.S. Open, not the Immaculate Open.

It is meant to be the toughest test in golf, even when it gets a little extreme.

The greens should be an easy fix. Poa annua crept into the fescue, which led to Henrik Stenson's reference that it was like putting on broccoli. Up close, it even looked like broccoli. It was difficult to make putts, though Spieth and Johnson made their share. So did Louis Oosthuizen, with six birdies on the last seven holes (one with a wedge from the fairway). Or maybe they all just got lucky.

The overhaul has more to

do with an aspect of the U.S. Open that was sadly overlooked this year — the spectators.

For 50 years, the only way to see a U.S. Open in the Pacific Northwest was on television. And once the fans got onto the course, they were so far away from the action that the players looked about as big as they once did on a 19-inch

TV screen with a knob to change the channels. Adding grandstands isn't the answer. At midday on Saturday. □

Jordan Spieth holds up the trophy after winning the final round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Chambers Bay on Sunday, June 21, 2015 in University Place, Wash. Associated Press



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Got Energy?

By: Dr Carlos Viana

Everyone today seems to be concerned about energy. Our automobiles will not travel far without it. For our primary transportation to work, we know that raw petroleum must be refined to make gasoline or diesel fuel. This produces a form of energy which moves our vehicles. In our bodies, glucose, amino acids, and fats from our food are the raw materials that must be processed by our cells into fuel. Your body's primary manufactured fuel is Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP), which provides the energy for our body's movement and vital functions. Even with a good diet, your body may need additional nutritional supplementation of vitamin C, magnesium, zinc, lecithin or choline and Ribose to produce ATP or energy. Ribose is a simple sugar that is the backbone of ribo-nucleic acid (RNA) and deoxyribo-nucleic acid (DNA), the materials our body uses to pass on our genetic code from one generation to the next. DNA and RNA are also necessary daily to regenerate and repair our body's cells. A healthy body can manufacture its own ribose from dietary sugars; however this requires a lot of energy and is a slow process. Diabetics, individuals with chronic degenerative diseases and people who lead extremely active or stressful lives are not naturally producing sufficient quantities of ribose to fully aid the body in these vital processes.

ATP moves nutrients into and waste out of the cells and gives our muscles strength or energy to move and also to relax. ATP also detoxifies your body and produces signals that stimulate hormones. Without fuel your car does not move. Similarly, without an abundant supply of ATP your body becomes stiff, and joints become sore as in arthritis. Lupus, a disease which includes muscle loss or wasting, Chronic Fatigue Syndromes, cataracts, and autoimmune disorders like fibromyalgia are all symptoms of a deficiency of ATP due to a chronic lack of ribose. In our clinic I have seen an improvement in muscle soreness, and cramping from people with these and other conditions as well as from intensive athletic workouts by adjusting their diets and adding quality supplements, especially Ribose. In older individuals we see an improvement in muscle health and in all groups we see a reduction of debilitating fatigue. As a board certified clinical nutritionist, I have also prescribed Ribose to heart deficiency patients that could not climb more than a couple of steps. The heart, as a muscle responds positively to Ribose supplementation that increases ATP in muscles. ATP contributes to a measurable increase in cardiovascular strength. After a week on ribose supplementation, patients have reported being able to comfortably climb a flight of stairs again. A good diet for one's metabolic type and supplementation with D-Ribose has been positively shown to improved health and fitness. Not only people with cardiovascular problems, but athletes who deplete their energy reserves can benefit from Ribose supplementation to reduce training cramping and soreness. Reports have shown Ribose can even lower blood sugar levels and is also known to alleviate altitude sickness and Pre Menstrual cramping. Muscle stiffness or pain results from not only physical exertion but is generally



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believed to be a symptom of aging. Instead of pain medication I first do an analysis with blood or other test to check the health of the person and then make sure they are drinking sufficient amounts of water. We then recommend acupuncture treatments to relieve stress and relax muscles naturally. We also use selenium and Vitamin E to help to maintain good health and, protect the integrity of muscle cells. Antioxidants, work to scavenge free radicals that damage muscle cells under stress. Get the Point! Stiffness, fatigue or exhaustion can be an obstruction to a happy and healthy life. D-Ribose which has been shown to help your body make the energy it needs for improved health and fitness. Looking to nature

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Google adds free ad-supported tier to music app

RYAN NAKASHIMA

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Google is adding a free tier to its subscription streaming music service in the U.S., aiming to convert the millions of people who click on the Google Play Music app every month but turn away because they're prompted for payment information.

The service uses Songza, an Internet radio app that Google acquired a year ago but whose innovations it had reserved for paying customers.

Now playlists curated by Songza music experts, like "Drop-a-Beat Workout" and "Songs to Raise Your Kids To," will be available to U.S. users for free, interspersed with ads. Playlists that are automatically generated according to genres, songs or artists will also be available.

Google hopes the free tier will entice users to pay \$10 a month for a subscription that unlocks features like on-demand playback without ads, offline listening, and use of the You-

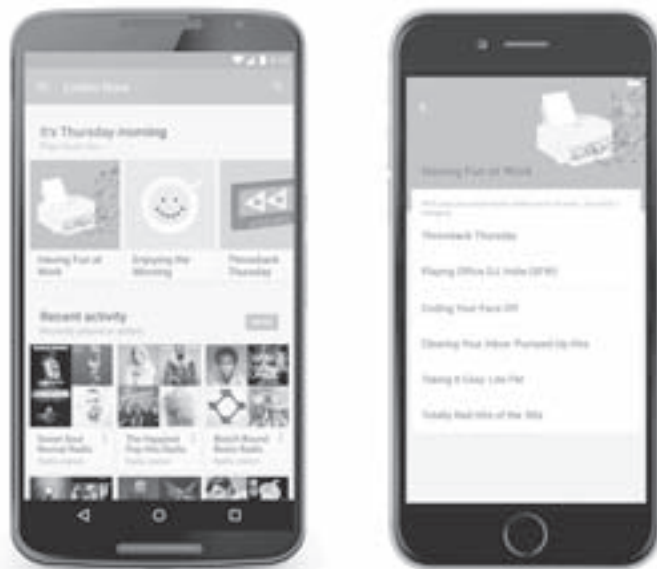
Tube Music Key app, a music streaming service that includes videos and is still in development.

Zahavah Levine, vice president of content part-

by royalty tracking firm Audiam, Google Play Music had around 815,000 paying subscribers in the U.S. in December 2014, far behind market leader Spotify

its paid service. For now, Google is not announcing any expansion of the free

tier outside the U.S., though the paid plan is now available in 52 countries. □



This combination made with product images provided by Google shows the Google Play Music app, featuring playlists curated by Songza music experts.

Associated Press

nerships for Google Play Music, said the free tier is a way to engage curious users. "Up until now, this has been a lost opportunity to bring more people in," she said. According to publishers' data verified

with 4.7 million. Spotify said this month that it now has 20 million paying subscribers globally.

Along with video ads that will play before songs, banners and interactive pitches, Google will also plug

Google protects Gmail users from sending regrettable notes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Google is making it easier to steer clear of the trouble that can be caused by a misdirected or inappropriate email.

An option to cancel the delivery of an email within 30 seconds of hitting the send button is now a standard safeguard in Google's Gmail as part of a settings change made this week.

The "undo send" feature had already been avail-

able for the past six years in Google's experimental labs, but that required Gmail users taking extra steps to get it.

Gmail accountholders will now be able to activate the protection in Gmail's settings. The tool delays the delivery of emails from five to 30 seconds after the send button is pressed to give users a fleeting chance to retrieve an email mistakenly sent to the wrong person

or an ill-conceived communicate.

Google inserted the "undo send" feature last month into an email management application called "Inbox" designed for mobile devices.

Gmail, started 11 years ago, is the far more popular email service. It now boasts more than 900 million accountholders worldwide, according to statistics that Google released last month. □

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NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook is now bigger than Wal-Mart, at least when it comes to its value on the stock market.

The world's biggest online social network knocked the world's largest retailer out of the top 10 list of the highest-valued companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index on Monday and the gap widened on Tuesday. While the switch is mostly

symbolic — nothing specific happened this week to warrant it, and the difference between the two giants is not that big — it signals investors' insatiable appetite for successful tech stocks.

Apple, Microsoft and Google top the list of the highest-valued companies in the U.S., and Facebook looks to be on its way to joining them.

A company's market value is calculated by multiply-

ing the number of shares of stock it has in circulation by the current price of one share.

Facebook Inc. was valued at \$238 billion at the close of trading Tuesday, according to FactSet. Its stock gained \$3.14, or 3.7 percent, at \$87.88.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. was valued at \$234 billion. Its stock dipped 22 cents to \$72.57.

Facebook, which is based in Menlo Park, California,

has been on a roll this past year, its shares up about 34 percent in the past year compared with just 8.2 percent for the S&P 500 index. Its quarterly results have consistently surpassed expectations.

Bentonville, Arkansas-based Wal-Mart, meanwhile, asked for investor patience after its most-recent earnings report showed a 7 percent profit decline due to the effects of the strong dollar and higher worker

wages and spending on its online operations.

Comparing the two companies' financial results, though, shows just how much Wall Street is investing in growth and potential — Facebook — versus existing size and might — Wal-Mart. In the first three months of this year, Facebook's total revenue of \$3.54 billion amounted to just a little more than Wal-Mart's total profit for its fiscal first quarter of \$3.34 billion. □

Stocks make slight gains amid optimism on Greek debt deal



Specialist Vincent Surace, center, works with traders at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks edged higher Tuesday as investors waited for a deal between Greece and its creditors.

KEN SWEET

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks edged higher Tuesday as investors waited for a deal between Greece and its creditors. Greece faces defaulting on its debt without new loans, but appeared to be moving closer to an agreement to secure new

funding.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 24.29 points, or 0.1 percent, to 18,144.07. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 1.35 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,124.20 and the Nasdaq composite rose 6.12 points, or 0.1 percent, to 5,160.09.

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pany Green Dot was among the biggest gainers. Its stock soared 40 percent after the company announced it had renewed its partnership with Wal-Mart for another five years. Netflix climbed in after-hours trading following the company's announcement that its board had approved a

plan to split its stock.

Stocks added to gains from Monday, as reports from Europe suggested that Greece's proposals for budget savings appeared to have won initial approval from the nation's creditors. European finance ministers are scheduled to meet on Wednesday.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras still has to sell the proposals to his own political party. His Syriza party was voted into office on a pledge to repeal the harsh budget cuts and tax increases that previous governments had imposed since 2010 in return for loans. Investors have been following the discussions closely, wary that a Greek default and the nation's potential exit from the euro currency could cause chaos in financial markets.

"We always knew there was going to be a lot of drama with Greece," said Kristina Hooper, U.S. investment strategist at Allianz

Global Investors. "Having said that, if things do take a turn for the worse, the EU is far better equipped to handle this crisis compared to a few years ago."

In the U.S., investors also remain focused on when the Federal Reserve might increase its key interest rate for the first time in nearly a decade.

Fed Governor Jerome Powell said at an event hosted by the Wall Street Journal that he expects the U.S. central bank to begin raising its benchmark interest rate in September, with a second rate rise coming in December.

U.S. government bond prices fell again Tuesday, pushing the yield on the 10-year Treasury note up to 2.41 percent.

Treasuries have been falling sharply in recent weeks as investors anticipate that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates for the first time in almost a decade later this year. □

As it closes AOL deal, Verizon teases new video service

TALI ARBEL

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Verizon is launching a mobile video service this summer that would show sports, concerts and other types of content.

The country's largest wireless provider teased a few details of its upcoming offerings Tuesday while announcing it had completed its \$4.4 billion purchase of AOL Inc. The

deal is designed to help Verizon Communications Inc. expand in mobile video and advertising as more hours are spent watching video, reading and shopping on phones and tablets.

"We see the world shifting very quickly to mobile and we believe that mobile will represent 80 percent of consumers' media consumption in the coming years. And the Verizon-

AOL partnership will allow us to capture that shifting opportunity," said Verizon CFO Fran Shammo on a conference call.

There has been a proliferation of online video options in recent months. Many are aimed at people who have canceled or never signed up for cable, like Dish's \$20-a-month Sling TV — a mini cable bundle that streams over the Internet — and HBO

Now, which gives you the premium cable channel's movies and TV shows without the expense of the cable bundle. HBO Now costs \$15 a month.

Verizon's mobile video service will work on competitors' networks as well as on Wi-Fi and will include ad-supported data, says Verizon executive vice president Marni Walden. That could mean an advertiser pays for some of

the data required — video is a data hog.

Walden said Verizon believes it is able to do that under the Federal Communications Commission's new net neutrality rules, which are meant to keep Internet service providers treating content equally.

The service will also have a "premium" component, Walden said. That could be pay-per-view content. □

Showtime price trimmed to \$9 in deal for Hulu subscribers: AP

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AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The price of Showtime is being trimmed to \$9 a month for Hulu subscribers in a deal that will make it the first premium pay TV service offered through Hulu. That's less than the \$11 a month it costs to access Showtime's app on its own and would bring the price of Showtime plus Hulu Plus to \$17 a month.

Showtime shows will be integrated into the Hulu platform and be available ahead of the July 12 premiere of Season 3 of "Ray Donovan."

Showtime, owned by CBS Corp., has been pushing distribution of its service separate from traditional cable and satellite TV packages in the last month, similar to rival HBO. Earlier this month, Showtime announced its app would be available on Apple TVs, Roku streaming equipment and Sony's PlayStation Vue online TV service.

Showtime is also available from traditional cable and satellite TV providers for \$10 a month to existing TV subscribers.

Showtime CEO Matt Blank said that prices are set by retailers. He told The Associated Press in an interview, "Hulu is in fact subsidizing the price difference."

He also said he wasn't worried about the lower price causing existing Showtime customers on other platforms to switch.

"I don't think someone is going to drop a big package of video services to save a dollar on Showtime."

Showtime has nearly 24 million existing subscribers while Hulu Plus has nearly 9 million.

Tim Connolly, Hulu's senior vice president of distribution and strategic partnerships, said the price cut was a way to "reward our existing subscribers and attract new ones." □

In May;

New home sales surge to best level since 2008

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) —

Purchases of new U.S. homes surged in the Northeast and West in May, as steady job growth over the past year has lifted the real estate sector.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that new-home sales rose 2.2 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 546,000, the strongest pace since February 2008.

Sales of new homes have soared 24 percent year-to-date, helped by the additional incomes from the employers hiring 3.1 million workers in the past 12 months and relatively low mortgage rates. The sharp increase in purchases could help drive more employment in the construction sector and broader economic growth, potentially offsetting the setbacks to growth in the manufacturing sector caused by cheaper oil prices and a stronger dollar that has hurt exports.

"The robust demand in the housing market continues," said Tom Wind, executive vice president of home lending at Florida-based EverBank. "We expect factors like strong job growth, low rates, and rising rental costs to continue supporting this trend."

Last month's sales gains were concentrated in the Northeast, where sales jumped 87.5 percent, a likely unsustainable rise that might reflect pent-up



This June 4, 2015 photo, shows a sold sign at a new home development under construction in Nashville, Tenn. The Commerce Department releases new home sales for May on Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

(AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

demand following an unusually harsh winter. New-home sales increased 13.1 percent in the West, but slipped in the Midwest and South.

The median sales price has fallen slightly, dipping 1 percent over the past 12 months to \$282,800.

The increases have caused the supply of new homes to dwindle to 4.5 months, compared to the six months' supply generally associated with a healthy market.

Still, homebuilders are preparing to meet this demand, having broken ground on more houses this year and plan to continue construction. Approved building permits rose increased 11.8 percent to an annual rate of 1.28 million,

the highest level since August 2007, the Commerce Department reported last week. The new construction could spur additional buying that would place new-home sales closer to their historic averages after suffering a steep decline in the aftermath of the housing bust and Great Recession.

"Although the current level of sales is still far from the 700,000 level that is considered healthy, there is still room to move higher," said Jennifer Lee, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

Existing homes are also seeing strong sales as the economy continues to muscle up.

Sales of existing homes climbed 5.1 percent in May

to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.35 million, the National Association of Realtors said Monday. Tight supplies have lifted prices, which have climbed 7.9 percent over the past 12 months to an average of \$228,700, about \$1,700 below the July 2006 peak.

Rental home costs are also rising, causing more Americans to look for ownership options this summer before they are priced out of the real estate market. Real estate data firm Zillow said Tuesday that prices nationally climbed a seasonally-adjusted 4.3 in May from a year ago.

Much of the increased home buying activity flows from a stronger job market and relatively affordable mortgage rates. □

BlackBerry misses Street 1Q Street forecasts

NEW YORK (AP) — BlackBerry Ltd. reported worse-than-expected first-quarter financial results as phone sales continued their long slide,

but software revenue increased as the company turns its focus away from hardware.

The Waterloo, Ontario-based company said it lost

of 10 cents per share. After adjustments it lost 5 cents per share. Meanwhile, revenue fell about 32 percent to \$658 million.

The results fell short of Wall Street expectations, with the average estimate of 15 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research expecting a loss of 4 cents per share. Eleven analysts sur-

veyed by Zacks expected \$684.5 million in revenue.

The company, once known for its smartphones, has been trying to refocus on software. During the quarter it completed its acquisition of WatchDox,

a provider of secure enterprise file-sync-and-share technology. On Tuesday, it also announced a long-

term patent cross-licensing deal with Cisco Systems Inc. Terms of that deal were not disclosed. Software and technology licensing revenue more than doubled during the quarter to \$137 million. U.S.-shares of the Canadian company jumped 54 cents, or 5.7 percent, to \$9.69 in premarket trading. □

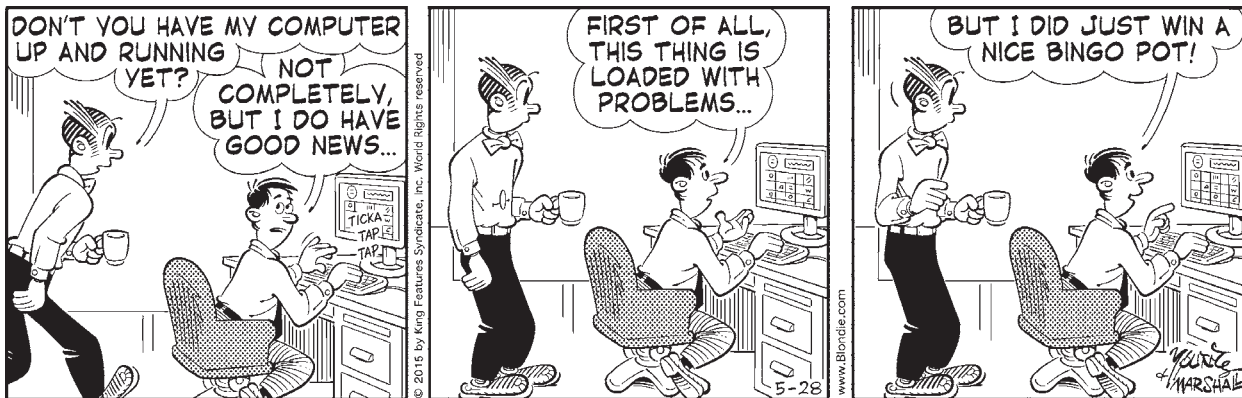
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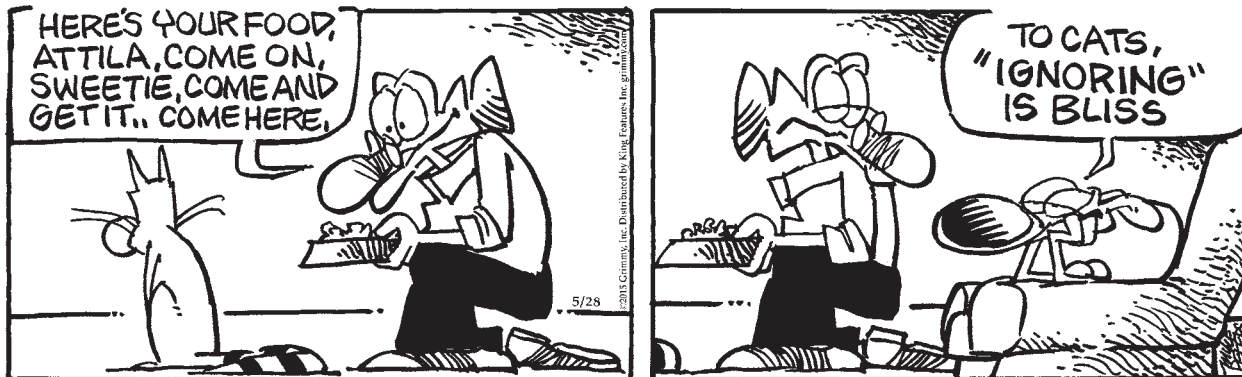
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Doctors advise on dangers of skinny jeans: Don't squat

MARIA CHENG
AP Medical Writer
LONDON (AP) —

Attention wearers of skinny jeans: don't squat — at least not for long.

Doctors in Australia report that a 35-year-old woman was hospitalized for four days after experiencing muscle damage, swelling, and nerve blockages in her legs after squatting for several hours while wearing tight-fitting denims.

"We were surprised that this patient had such severe damage to her nerves and muscles," said Dr. Thomas Kimber of the Royal Adelaide Hospital in Australia, in an email.

The patient, who was not identified, spent most of the previous day helping someone move, squatting for long periods while emptying cupboards. Clad in skinny jeans, the woman said they felt increasingly tight and her feet were numb as she walked home, making her trip and fall. Unable to get up, she spent several hours stranded outside before getting to the hospital. Kimber and colleagues published a report about the case online Monday in the Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry.

Kimber said tight jeans have previously been reported to cause nerve lesions in the groin but not the kind of nerve problems in the lower leg and severe muscle damage they saw. He said squatting compressed the nerves in the lower leg, reducing the blood supply to the calf muscles and that the skinny jeans worsened the problem. □

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Top doctors' prescription for feverish planet: Cut out coal

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AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Some top international doctors and public health experts have issued an urgent prescription for a feverish planet Earth: Get off coal as soon as possible.

Substituting cleaner energy worldwide for coal will reduce air pollution and give Earth a better chance at avoiding dangerous climate change, recommended a global health commission organized by the prestigious British medical journal *Lancet*. The panel said hundreds of thousands of lives each year are at stake and global warming "threatens to undermine the last half century of gains in development and global health."

It's like a cigarette smoker with lung problems: Doctors can treat the disease, but the first thing that has to be done is to get the patient to stop smoking, or in this case get off coal in the next five years, commission officials said in interviews. "The prescription for pa-

tient Earth is that we've got a limited amount of time to fix things," said commission co-chairman Dr. Anthony

He called it a "medical emergency" that could eventually dwarf the deadly toll of HIV in the 1980s. He

bon being used, improved health care planning for extreme weather and check-ups every two years

thing now. The Obama administration said if nothing is done, at the turn of the next century about 57,000 Americans will die each year from polluted air and at least another 12,000 yearly from extreme temperatures.

"Obama is not a doctor; people trust doctors more," Costello said.

In a companion posting in *Lancet*, World Health Organization director general Margaret Chan also compares fighting climate change to fighting smoking and saving lives. Both Chan and the *Lancet* commission quote WHO studies that say by 2030 climate change would "be likely to cause about 250,000 additional deaths per year" around the world.

Poverty is the main problem and burning coal to produce electricity helps fight that, said National Mining Association spokesman Luke Popovich. He said, "it makes far more sense to support the technologies that make coal cleaner to use than to support policies that would deny its use to those who rightfully want the comforts of civilization." But Harvard School of Public Health epidemiologist Joel Schwartz called the *Lancet* study's coal phase-out "a reasonable prescription for planet Earth. Burning coal has terrible health effects, is bad for global warming and it is destructive of the ecosystem." □



In this April 3, 2014, file photo, giant machines dig for brown coal at the open-cast mining Garzweiler near the city of Grevenbroich, western Germany. **Associated Press**

Costello, a pediatrician and director of the Global Health Institute at the University College of London. "We've got a real challenge particularly with carbon pollution."

and others said burning coal does more than warm the Earth, but causes even more deaths from other types of air pollution that hurt people's breathing and hearts.

Unlike its earlier report in 2009, which laid out the health problems of climate change, this report was more about what can be done to improve the planet's health. It calls for cutting air pollution, more walking and cycling and less driving, better urban design, putting a price on the cost of each ton of car-

on how the world is doing to get healthier.

"Virtually everything that you want to do to tackle climate change has health benefits," Costello said. "We're going to cut heart attacks, strokes, diabetes." The *Lancet* commission report came out days after an impassioned plea to fight global warming by Pope Francis and hours after President Barack Obama's administration issued a report emphasizing the costs of inaction on climate change and the benefits of doing some-



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'Eight is Enough' star Dick Van Patten dies at 86

FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Dick Van Patten, the genial, round-faced comic actor who premiered on Broadway as a child, starred on television in its infancy and then, in middle age, found lasting fame as the patriarch on TV's "Eight is Enough," has died.

Van Patten died Tuesday in Santa Monica, California, of complications from diabetes, said his publicist, Daniel Bernstein. He was 86.

Born in New York, the veteran entertainer began his career as a model and child actor, making his Broadway debut in 1935 at the age of seven, billed as "Dickie Van Patten." He would go on to appear in 27 other Broadway plays, acting alongside such giants as Melvyn Douglas, Tallulah Bankhead and, for three years, as the son of Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fon-

tanne in "O Mistress Mine." In 1949, he began a seven-year run on one of TV's earliest series, the CBS comedy

ford, a widower and father of eight who met and married Abby (played by Betty Buckley), with whom

ways generous and ready to play, tease and always keep us all laughing," said Buckley. "He was the consummate professional, a wonderful actor, master of comedy, and a kind and generous human being."

"He was truly a gem and will be missed," tweeted Willie Aames, who, now 54, played the Bradford son Tommy on the series, which launched him as a teen heart-throb. "As Dick always said: Remember our time together gang... Cause these ARE the good ole' days."

Van Patten's many other TV appearances included "Sanford and Son," "The Streets of San Francisco," "Adam-12," "Happy Days," "The Love Boat," "Touched By An Angel," "Arrested Development" and, most recently, "Hot in Cleveland."

Film projects included "Spaceballs," "High Anxiety," the original "Freaky

Friday" (starring Jodie Foster), "The Santa Trap" and "Soylent Green."

Van Patten was a serious poker player and a commentator for the World Poker Tour. It was a natural offshoot for him as an actor trading on what he called the "bluff factor — as an actor, you thrive on that, to defy the odds," he said in a 2007 interview.

An animal enthusiast, he co-founded Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance Pet Foods in 1989 as well as founding National Guide Dog Month, which began in 2008 to raise awareness and money for nonprofit guide dog schools in the United States.

In a 2003 interview with The Associated Press, he explained that his love of animals was born while growing up in New York:

"If I was good each week, my father would take me to a different pet store each Saturday," he said. □



In this Oct. 13, 1987 file photo, actor Dick Van Patten is photographed in Los Angeles. Van Patten, the genial comic actor best known as the patriarch of TV's "Eight is Enough," died of complications from diabetes on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, in Santa Monica, Calif., according to his publicist Daniel Bernstein.

Associated Press

"Mama," playing one of the sons of a Norwegian-American family in early 1900s San Francisco.

Van Patten's greatest TV success was as Tom Brad-

ford, a widower and father of eight who met and married Abby (played by Betty Buckley), with whom

he set up a loving if chaotic household. The ABC comedy-drama aired from 1977-1981.

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Counting by the billion, Hollywood's summer starts to sizzle

JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "A million dollars isn't cool," said Justin Timberlake as Sean Parker in "The Social Network." "You know what's cool? A billion dollars." He was talking about Silicon Valley, but he might as well have meant today's Hollywood. And lately, the movie business has been hot enough to be very cool. When "Jurassic World" crossed \$1 billion globally on Monday after just 13 days of release, it did it faster than any movie before. And it wasn't just the first film this year, or even this season, to reach that mark. "Jurassic World" is the third billion-dollar movie this summer following "Furious 7" (\$1.5 billion) and "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (\$1.4 billion).

Those two films already rank among the five highest grossing films ever, and "Jurassic World" is certain to join them. A billion dollars is starting to look easy. The summer box office got off to a so-so start, but, suddenly, business is booming at the multiplex. After "Jurassic World" set an opening record two weeks ago, almost doubling expectations, Pixar's "Inside Out" followed up with a forecast-busting debut of its

own, with \$90.4 million. An industry where the sky is often rumored to be falling, for the moment, is roaring. "Audiences love to go to

ludes to its own corporate profit-driven existence; the other is a rainbow-colored burst of originality. When it comes to moviemaking, no

Author and journalist Mark Harris on Grantland mourned the success of "Jurassic World" as the death of something else: "what

hit of all time. "As disposable as used Kleenex," is how movie blogger David Poland of Movie City News described it, echoing the sentiments of most critics. The "Fast & Furious" franchise also looks odd ranked just below "Titanic." Yet, propelled by "Furious 7" and "Jurassic World," Universal Pictures, which distributed both, has already had the biggest year (\$3.8 billion) in its 103-year history. Some of the upcoming summer sequels ("Terminator: Genisys," "Magic Mike XXL," "Minions") will surely be cheered by the recent box office numbers. Pixar, which is owned by Disney, has its own plans for more sequels ("Finding Dory," "Toy Story 4," "The Incredibles 2"), but the large opening of "Inside Out" — the largest opening weekend by a wholly original property, surpassing "Avatar" — proves that a good idea, well told, can still drive enormous audiences.

"The solution or the antidote to that historical challenge was putting out something great," says Dave Hollis, distribution head at Disney. "This business really does respond to great big events, to great storytelling, to great character development.□"



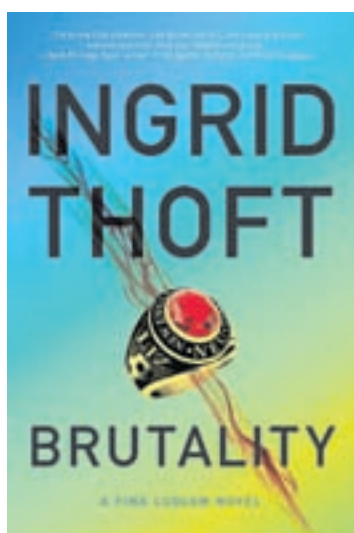
In this image released by Disney-Pixar, the character Joy, voiced by Amy Poehler, appears in a scene from "Inside Out." Associated Press

the movie theater," says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box office data firm Rentrak. "I don't want to hear any more that people don't want to go to the movie theater and they just want to sit on their couch. They want to do both. That outside-of-the-home experience is essential and these two weekends prove it." The twin hits couldn't be more different. One is an Earth-stomping franchise entry that cynically al-

rule is so set in stone that its opposite isn't true, too. "Jurassic World," both a sequel and a reboot, is directed by Colin Trevorrow but also came, importantly, with Steven Spielberg's name attached (as executive producer). The fourth "Jurassic Park" film — like the runaway success of "Furious 7" — has essentially proven, without a doubt, the new math of Hollywood: The money (especially in billion-form) is in franchises.

used to be the backbone of Hollywood moviemaking, namely self-contained, non-repeatable scripts, now threatens to become an anomaly, a charity act, a niche, a tithe to awards season, or a skippable option." What's striking about this new wave of franchise frenzy is that it's not even taking Hollywood's A-game. "Jurassic World" was virtually assured of making gobs of money, but few expected it be the biggest summer

Review: Fina Ludlow returns in Ingrid Thoft's 'Brutality'



This photo provided by courtesy of Putnam shows the cover of the book, "Brutality," by Ingrid Thoft. Associated Press

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The challenge of belong-

ing to a high-profile and dysfunctional family, yet establishing your own identity, continues to be the theme of Ingrid Thoft's exciting series about Boston private investigator Fina Ludlow. The only non-lawyer of the high-powered Ludlows, Fina works as the in-house investigator for her Type-A brothers and father, who run one of the leading personal injury law firms in the country. To maintain her independence, Fina often takes cases separate from the firm, as she does in the compelling "Brutality." Fina is hired by Bobbi Barone to find out who attacked her daughter, Liz

Barone, in her Hyde Park home. The mother of two children and seemingly happily married, Liz appeared to have no enemies. The only anomaly is a lawsuit that Liz filed, blaming New England University for a cognitive impairment that resulted from injuries when she played soccer 20 years ago. Fina also encounters Liz's apathetic husband, Jamie Gottlieb, who seems uninterested in finding out who attacked his wife who is near death, the backbiting employees and supervisor of the research lab where she worked, and the university representatives who fear the lawsuit

will decrease the funding it needs. Fina's priority is the case, while her family pressures her to persuade Bobbi to steer the lawsuit to the Ludlow firm. Her father and brothers see the dollars — and the publicity — the case will bring them, while Fina sees only the relief this may bring to Liz's family. Thoft's 2013 debut established her as an exciting voice in the private eye genre and she continues those high standards in "Brutality," her third novel. The multilayered plot of "Brutality" excels with believable twists and realistic characters. Thoft gracefully incorporates the hot-button issue of head

traumas suffered during sports with a unique spin on the academic mystery wrapped in the tenets of the private eye novel. The complicated Ludlows possess a sense of entitlement and more than a few secrets, but they also are a close family. Permanently the outsider because she's the only daughter and non-lawyer, Fina has learned to maneuver through the Ludlow morass and maintain her own sense of self. One could imagine Fina becoming fast friends and colleagues with Sara Paretsky's V.I. Warshawski, Sue Grafton's Kinsey Millhone and Laura Lippman's Tess Monaghan.□

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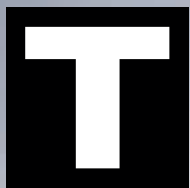
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